Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 02 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 03 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 01 Dec 2023 at 14:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a cold dry end to the week, but low for extent of any low cloud or fog. Lower confidence for chance of snow showers Monday and for milder, more stormy conditions on Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 02 Dec 2023: Cold and dry. Sunny in northeast, cloudy in southwest

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 02 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	<05%	<05%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Saturday 02 Dec 2023

Weather: Bitterly cold under clear skies through the early hours with a hard frost, some freezing fog patches in the glens. Then a dry sunny day for most, although patchy cloud possible across the far southwest around Ben Alder, this likely to become more extensive in the afternoon. Another dry cold dry night to follow with clear spell, most extensive in the north.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% in the northeast, 40% in the southwest

Low cloud and visibility: Poor visibility in any fog in the glens early to mid-morning. Otherwise very good visibility across most ranges, perhaps some occasional mist at munro level late afternoon. However, patchy cloud is likely above 900-1000m across the southwest from late morning, thickening and lowering to 700m in the afternoon, although munro summits may be above the cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	11/13 S	11/15 SW	8/10 SW	9/12 S	9/12 SW	8/10 SW	6/7 SW	4/5 S	4/6 S
900	9/12 S	11/13 SW	8/10 S	9/11 S	9/11 S	8/10 S	7/8 S	5/6 S	3/5 S
600	4/5 W	6/7 SW	5/6 W	5/7 SW	4/6 SW	5/7 SW	3/6 SW	2/4 SW	2/4 W
300	2/6 S	3/7 SW	3/7 SW	3/7 SW	3/8 SW	2/6 S	3/6 S	3/6 S	3/6 S
Glen	2/8 SW	2/8 S	3/7 S	3/8 SW	3/9 S	3/7 SW	3/6 S	2/6 S	2/5 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-9/-16	-9/-16	-10/-15	-9/-15	-8/-13	-9/-14	-10/-15	-12/-16	-13/-17
900	-5/-10	-5/-11	-5/-10	-5/-10	-4/-9	-4/-9	-6/-10	-6/-9	-6/-9
600	-4/-7	-4/-7	-4/-7	-4/-7	-2/-5	-3/-6	-4/-6	-4/-7	-5/-7
300	-6/-9	-7/-10	-7/-10	-6/-9	-2/-5	-4/-7	-6/-9	-7/-10	-8/-10
Glen	-6/-8	-6/-8	-8/-10	-7/-8	-2/-3	-4/-6	-8/-10	-9/-12	-10/-12
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A fine winters day across the north of the area, best of the sunshine across the northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath hills with some sun glare off the snowpack. However, even light winds will give a bitterly cold feel.

Forecast for Sunday 03 Dec 2023

Weather: Very cold and dry with clear spells through the early hours, best of these in the north of the area. Some fog is likely in the glens during the morning, perhaps persisting into the afternoon. Otherwise a cold dry day with good sunny spells. Cloud is likely to increase in the evening and overnight, with the best chance of clear skies in the west.

Maximum wind: Mainly east or southeast, 5-10 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Poor visibility in any fog in the glens, this perhaps extending up to 800m. Otherwise very good or excellent visibility on the tops. Patchy cloud lowering to 900m across eastern hills in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 10 Celsius rising to minus 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 6 Celsius rising to minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 200m or less.

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